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County: Little leeway for removing current coastal billboards

 ROADSIDE VIEW A billboard along U.S. Highway 101. GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A new Humboldt County law regulating signs is taking shape and those hoping for a pathway to remove existing billboards will be disappointed.

Removal of billboards, particularly in scenic areas, has long been a popular goal. A first draft of a county sign ordinance included requiring local permits to rebuild or re-erect damaged or aging billboards.

That provision was deemed a legal liability. A revamped draft reviewed by the

county’s planning commission on Dec. 14 bans new billboards but limits the county’s actions against existing ones.

It’s not what many in the community prefer.

“The top priority for my organization is banning billboards in the coastal zone,” said Jen Kalt, director of Humboldt Waterkeeper, during a lightly-attended public comment period.

She asked for specifics on regulating existing billboards, noting that “there have

BILLBOARDS ♦ PAGE 4



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 ARCATA – Arcata leadership, in both elected leaders and a key staff position, changed this week.

At City Hall, Vice Mayor Meredith Matthews was elected mayor by her council peers, while Councilmember Alex Stillman was elected vice mayor.

Downstairs at the Arcata Police Department, longtime APD officer Lt. Bart Silvers was selected as chief of police.

The city press releases:

New mayor and vice, police chief for Arcata

LEADERS Left, just prior to her election, Mayor Meredith Matthews hugged Arcata’s new First Gentleman Nick Matthews. Right, Police Chief Bart Silvers.

CITY OF ARCATA PHOTOS

City of Arcata appoints new mayor and vice mayor

At a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, the Arcata City Council met to elect Meredith Matthews as the new mayor and Alex Stillman as vice-mayor.

Before the formal swearing in, City staff took time to recognize and thank outgoing mayor, Sarah Schaefer, for her leadership as mayor and



her continued service as Councilmember.

The City’s Municipal Code requires the Arcata City Council to select the mayor and vice-mayor annually at a special meeting held each December.

Both Mayor Matthews and Vice-Mayor Stillman will serve in their new roles

LEADERS ♦ PAGE 4

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If you are unsure of your district of residence, visit hcoe.org/district-locator.

Mensaje a las familias sobre

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La inscripción para el año escolar 2024-2025 ha comenzado.

Si está interesado en obtener una transferencia interdistrital, comuníquese con su distrito escolar de residencia para comenzar el proceso.

Este proceso es tanto para solicitudes nuevas como de renovación. Para obtener más información, por ejemplo, sobre los plazos de solicitud, comuníquese con su distrito escolar de residencia.

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CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department encourages all community members to consider going zero or low waste when planning their holiday celebrations.

Between Thanksgiving and the New Year, Americans throw away 25 percent more waste than any other time of year, adding up to 25 million extra tons of garbage in the United States according to ABC News.

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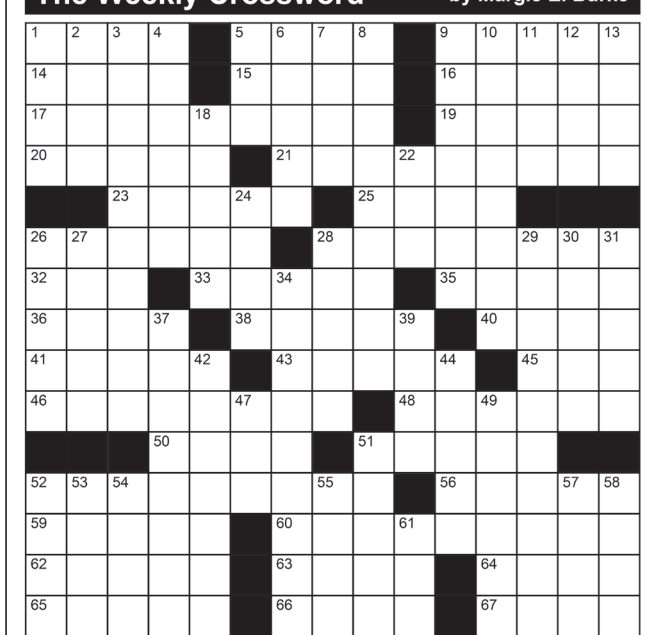
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Sunday, Dec. 10	00.00	09.23	10.03	09.75
Monday, Dec. 11	00.00	09.23	10.04	10.00
Tuesday, Dec. 12	00.01	09.24	10.04	10.26
Wednesday, Dec. 13	00.00	09.24	10.04	10.53
Thursday, Dec. 14	00.00	09.24	10.04	10.80
Friday, Dec. 15	00.00	09.24	10.04	11.07
Saturday, Dec. 16	00.00	09.24	08.68	11.35

RAIN AS MEASURED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AT WOODLEY ISLAND.
WEATHER YEAR STARTS ON OCT. 1.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke




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ACROSS
1 Souvlaki meat
5 Cornfield cries
9 Stationed
14 Malarial fever
15 Mishmash
16 Eat away
17 Rack and pinion, e.g.
19 Theater platform
20 "No questions _____"
21 Fonda played one in "Ulee's Gold"
23 Diameter halves
25 Seating section
26 Rolling in dough
28 Defenseless
32 Type
33 Blue jeans' material
35 Sheikh's bevy
36 Trim to fit, maybe
38 Hole-boring tool
40 Tennis score
41 Romance, e.g.
43 Exodus leader
45 Harmless cyst
46 Give rise to
48 High as a kite
50 Celestial body

DOWN
1 Tibetan priest
2 Mellows
3 Exposing scandal
4 Use the guillotine on
5 Arroz ____ pollo
6 Form of defense
7 "Early to bed..." quote ending
8 Now and then
9 Beg
10 Kind of highway
11 Bath cake
12 Leg up
13 Forest forager
18 Stated further

ACROSS
22 Family member moves
24 Notion
26 Belgian city on the Meuse
27 Like days gone by
28 Partner of vim
29 NYC dwelling
30 River embankment
31 Fix text
34 Data-sorting method
37 Ignore a "Keep Out" sign
39 Half of R & R
42 Diplomatic agreement
44 Back of a boat
47 June honoree
49 Met productions
51 Silvery fish
52 Milk dispensers?
53 Advil target
54 Tack room item
55 Singer Fitzgerald
57 Learning style
58 Doomsayer's sign
61 Sailor's affirmative



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distributed without excess packaging like homemade gifts, the gift of a home-cooked meal or a home-made coupon book.

2. Give "experience" gifts like concert tickets, a spa package or yoga classes. Arcata Recreation offers several activity classes for children and teens that would make wonderful holiday gifts.

Gift cards are even available through the Recreation Department, so the recipient can choose which class they would like to experience. You can find out more at cityofarcata.org/430/Gift-Cards.

3. Reusable bags, lunch kits and water bottles make wonderful gifts and will help loved ones stylishly eliminate disposables from their lives.

4. Purchase carbon offset gifts from the Arcata Community Forest. For just \$18 per metric ton, you can offset your loved one's holiday travel by helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Purchase forms are available at cityofarcata.org/190/City-Forests or call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 for more information.

5. Support the local economy by buying from

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local merchants and businesses.

6. Consider shopping at thrift stores to find unique, gently used gifts and gift containers.

7. Use reusable gift bags and baskets as a replacement for wrapping paper. Send e-Cards and e-Newsletters to help save on postage and paper waste.

8. When hosting a holiday party be sure to get a good headcount and carefully plan all meals to help reduce food waste. Most food waste can be composted if it is not meat, bones or fat. Serve food on reusable plates and utensils, ask guests to bring reusable containers for leftovers and have a stash of reusable containers on hand in case they forget.

9. Minimize food waste by saving holiday meal leftovers and by composting

food scraps while cooking. With proof of residency, Arcata residents may purchase an outdoor compost bin for the discounted price of \$35 from the Environmental Services Department. Email eservices@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-8184 to learn more.

10. Put Christmas lights on timers for energy savings and peace of mind while away from home.

11. Broken, old or outdated incandescent and LED holiday lights can be recycled by mailing them to the address below:

• Holiday LEDS at Holiday LEDS Recycling, W227N6225 Sussex Road, Door #12, Sussex, WI 53089
For more information, call (707) 822-8184 or visit cityofarcata.org/790/Waste-Prevention-Resources.org.

Arcata Planco looking for new members

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata invites qualified community members to apply for its upcoming vacant positions on the Planning Commission.

Commissioners and committeemembers are vital community members and experts who help to decide Arcata's present and future. This is done by providing guidance to the City Council on various topics related to the specific subject matter of the commission or committee. Planning commissioners also make decisions directly related to city planning and community development in Arcata.

There are currently two Planning Commission positions becoming vacant on March 30. Each Commissioner will serve a term of four years, ending March 30, 2028. Interested community members must apply for the role by Friday, March 8.

For more information and to apply, visit cityofarcata.org/329/Vacancies-Applications or call the City Managers Office at (707) 822-5953.

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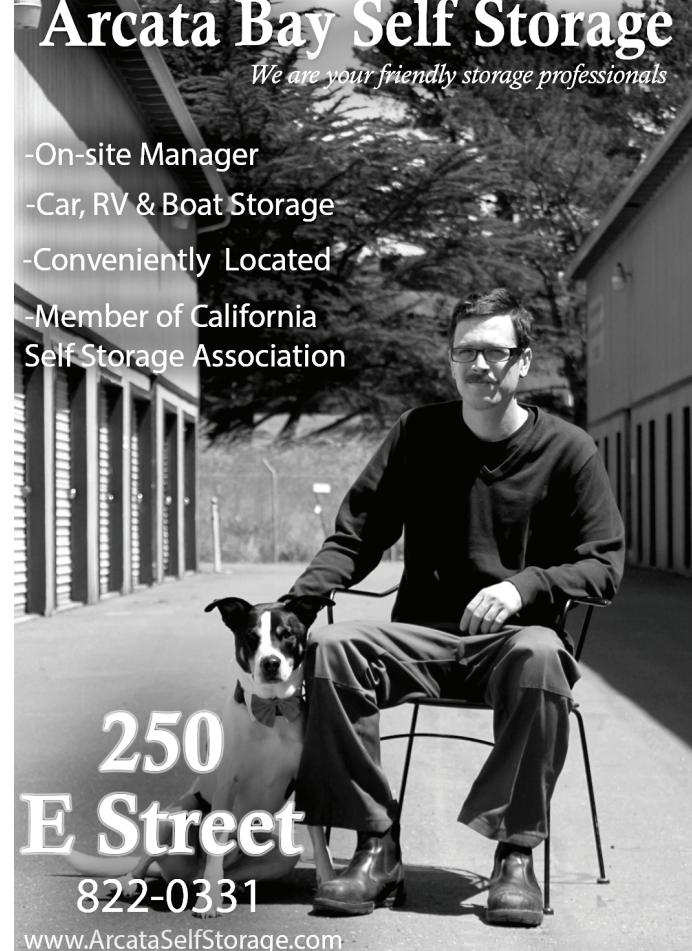
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Leadership Redwood Coast Fellowship applications

LEADERSHIP REDWOOD COAST
EUREKA — Leadership Redwood Coast (LRC), a dynamic five-month regional leadership fellowship, proudly announces the opening of applications for its second year. Launched last year by Arcata Economic Development Corporation, LRC is now housed under the Redwood Coast Chamber Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce.

LRC, led by Nancy Olson, CEO of the Greater Eureka Chamber, and Allie Jones, owner of Illuminated Marketing, serves as a crucial platform for empowering diverse individuals throughout Humboldt, Del Norte and adjacent Tribal lands.

The program equips participants with the essential tools, connections, and insights needed to effect equitable and innovative change within their communities and across the region.

In 2023, the inaugural fellowship deepened their understanding of our region's most significant issues and assets and grew their leadership through the lens of our local economy.

Through robust leadership skill development, conversations with over 70 leaders from throughout the county, and monthly excursions throughout the two counties and tribal lands, LRC fellows got a first-hand look at how to effect change here on the Redwood Coast.

As one LRC graduate put it, "This program is a prerequisite for effective inclusive leadership on the North Coast. The exposure to issues and perspectives in this program will be invaluable."

Another participant reflected, "Being put in a room with folks who are all eager to learn more about our region, and are all working towards a more inclusive, equitable society is a breath of fresh air."

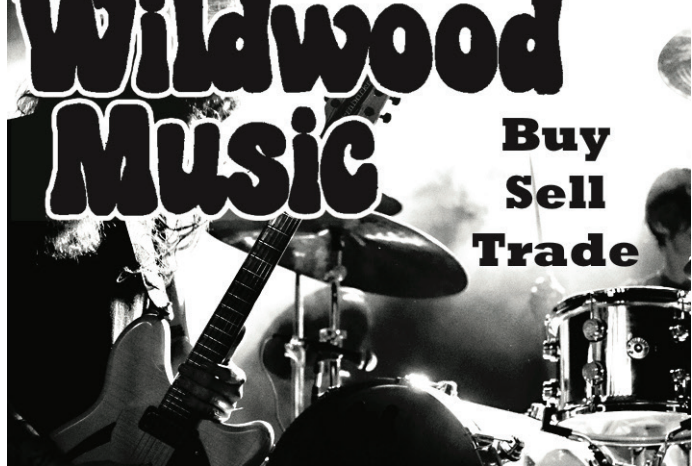
The program, now in its second year, continues to be a transformative experience for leaders in the making. Applications for the upcoming fellowship are open until Friday, Jan. 19, 2024. Interested individuals are encouraged to register for informational sessions on the program's website, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 20 from noon to 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 5 p.m.

Reflecting on the success of the first year, Olson expressed, "Last year's response exceeded our expectations, and we are thrilled to build upon that success in the coming year. LRC is not just a program; it's a catalyst for positive change and collaboration."

To learn more about the Leadership Redwood Coast program and to submit applications, please visit Leadershiprc.org.

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ON THE RUN Participants in a previous Trinidad to Clam Beach Run. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

58th Trinidad to Clam Beach Run registration

TRINIDAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TRINIDAD – It’s time to register for the 58th Annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run! Hosted by the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, this annual and long-awaited race is the perfect way to start the new year!

Run down the bluffs of Scenic Drive, splash through the river at Moonstone Beach and trek your way across the sands of Clam Beach.

The Trinidad to Clam Beach Run (TCBR) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 with the starting line at Saunders Park, 400 Janis Ct., Trinidad, at 11 a.m. Fun for all ages, participants can either sprint, run, or walk this exciting and unique course.

Like last year’s race, there will only be one race, the 5¾ mile. After the race, celebrate all your hard work and success next to a cozy bonfire on the beach with music and a hot bowl of chili.

The Trinidad to Clam Beach Run began as a way to kickstart the HSU Running Club’s track season—making sure each runner hadn’t gone too soft over their holiday break. Rain or shine, this race is about soaking up the beauty of the Pacific Northwest; but chances are — you’ll probably cross that finish line soaking wet.

Register online at explorettrinidadca.com/tcbr by Jan. 18 to receive your own TCBR T-shirt for \$60, or \$40 without a shirt. To

pick up your race packets early, stop by the Joggin’ Shoppe in Arcata at 1090 G St., on Friday, Feb. 2 between 3 and 6 p.m.

If you choose to pick up your packet on race day, Feb. 3, stop by the Trinidad Town Hall at 409 Trinity St. in Trinidad as early as 8 a.m.

Please keep in mind that if you register after Jan. 18, you will not receive a TCBR T-shirt with your race packet. Late registration will be \$50 day-of and will not include a T-shirt.

Street parking will be available in Trinidad. Parking at Clam Beach is limited, so please let your friends or family know to carpool if they will be joining us for the festivities. Buses will transport runners from Clam Beach back to Trinidad Town Hall after the first runner has crossed the finish line.

Please note, there will not be shuttles from the beach to Town Hall before the race

starts.

Sign up now for the 58th Annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run! It’s the perfect opportunity for those seeking an energetic start to the new year or looking for a unique Christmas gift for a special someone.

Participating in this race not only promises the chance to join your community in the spirit of good old-fashioned competition, it’s a special opportunity to try something new.

The Trinidad to Clam Beach Run began as a winter training race back in 1966. Originally organized by Ford Hess, the Humboldt State Track and Field Coach, this race was designed to get his runners in shape for the coming year.

For more information on the history of the Trinidad to Clam Beach Run visit explorettrinidadca.com/tcbr. Or, for course information visit explorettrinidadca.com/tcbr-course.

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EMERGENCY TOY APPEAL Toys for Tots are grateful to the Eureka Police Department and Humboldt County Sheriff's Department for their quick work in apprehending a suspect in stealing toys for underprivileged needy children at Christmas time. Unfortunately, less than one pallet of toys was recovered, and our local Toys for Tots needs your help. Checks should be made out and sent to: Toys for Tots Foundation, 2383 Myrtle Ave., Eureka CA 95501. To securely donate online to the Humboldt/Del Norte/Trinity Toys for Tots using the national Toys for Tots donation system, please:

1. Go to the national website at oysfortots.org.
2. Click "Find a local chapter" on the top menu bar.
3. Select: California, and then Humboldt.
4. Donate using the link.

The Toys for Tots office is located at 2383 Myrtle Ave., next to Eureka Floor Carpet One. Toys can be dropped off anytime during business hours throughout the year.

EPD tracks down suspect with stolen toys and tools

EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA – The Eureka Police Department is actively investigating several crimes that occurred from multiple businesses and organizations located in the 5100 block of N. Highway 101 between Dec. 7 and 9.

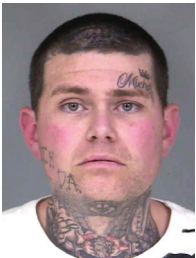
On Dec. 8, a business owner reported sometime during the night an unknown suspect(s) entered one of his work trucks and stole approximately \$2,300 worth of various tools.

On Dec. 9, 2023, EPD received a phone call from the Regional Coordinator for Toys for Tots, reporting sometime between the evening of Dec. 8 and the morning of Dec. 9, an unknown suspect(s) gained entry to their storage shed and stole approximately \$7,000 worth of donated toys.

The surveillance system that was in place at this location was also stolen by the suspect(s). In addition to the theft, the suspect(s) caused approximately \$2,000 worth of damage to the gate that secures the property.

Also, on Dec. 9, EPD responded to the 4100 block of Jacobs Avenue for a report of a "jackknifed" semi-truck and trailer. The truck belonged to a business located in the same complex at 5100 N. Highway 101. The owner stated that no one had permission to drive the vehicle and a stolen vehicle report was taken.

It was also discovered the vehicle had suffered approximately \$5,000 worth



Brandon Haselip

of damage as a result of this theft.

While all three of these incidents occurred in the same business complex it is unknown at this time if or how they may be connected.

On Dec. 11, a detective with the Eureka Police Department authored warrants for three locations in the greater Eureka area, 2000 block of Greenwood Heights, 2700 Union Street and 3200 block of High Street, in relationship to this investigation. Assisted by additional detectives, officers, an evidence technician and agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, the search warrants were executed on the locations.

During the search of the locations, involved personnel recovered a portion of the toys stolen from Toys for Tots as well as some of the tools reported stolen the day prior from the business complex. Agents also found the primary suspect in possession of a short-barreled shotgun, a stolen motorcycle as well as a stolen generator.

Brandon Roy Haselip, 35, from Eureka, was located and arrested at the Greenwood Heights location. Haselip was booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession of an illegal firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property.

Additional charges are also being submitted to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for review.

12 Scams of Christmas

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
SAN FRANCISCO – With 2023 quickly winding down, Better Business Bureau has compiled our naughty list of the top 12 scams of Christmas. When shopping or donating this holiday season, watch out for schemes trying to swipe your cash or steal your personal information.

Twelve scams of Christmas that can ruin your holiday cheer

1. Misleading social media ads: As you scroll through your social media feed, you often see products advertised. Always research before you buy.
2. Social media gift exchanges: Each holiday season this scheme pops back up, and this year is no different. The older version was called "Secret Sister." A newer version of this scam revolves around exchanging bottles of wine; another suggests purchasing \$10 gifts online. In all of these versions, participants unwittingly share their personal information, along with those of their family members and friends, and are further tricked into buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals. And it's an illegal pyramid scheme.
3. Holiday apps: Apple's App Store and Google Play list dozens of holiday-themed apps where children can video chat live with Santa, light the menorah, watch Santa feed live reindeer, track his sleigh on Christmas Eve, or relay their holiday wish lists. Review privacy policies to see what information will be collected. Be wary of free apps, as they can sometimes contain more advertising than apps that require a nominal fee. Free apps can also contain malware. Be sure to read reviews as well.
4. Fake texts that say you've been hacked: Victims are told there has been suspicious activity on one of their accounts, and it further urges them to take immediate action to prevent the account from being compromised. Be extra cautious about unsolicited calls, emails, and texts; contact the business directly and don't click on any links.
5. Free gift cards: Nothing brings good cheer like the word "FREE." Scammers have been known to take advantage of this weakness by sending bulk phishing emails requesting personal information to receive free gift cards.
6. Temporary holiday jobs: These jobs are a great way to make extra money, sometimes with the possibility of turning into a long-term employment opportunity. However, job seekers need to be wary of employment scams aimed at stealing money and personal information from job applicants.
7. Look-alike websites: The holiday season brings endless emails offering deals, sales, and bargains. Be wary of emails with links enclosed. Some may lead to look-alike websites created by scammers to trick people into downloading malware, making dead-end purchases, and sharing private information.

Gonzo the kissy-boy and Rango the survivor

Happy Solstice to everyone! I don't know about you, but I am about ready for the days to start getting longer again.

The shelter's big fundraiser two weekends ago raised over \$27,000 for the Emergency Medical Fund, which helps with veterinary expenses for sick and injured animals at the shelter. These funds can help with skin issues, orthopedic injuries, respiratory illnesses, heart worm, eye troubles and more. Currently we have a dog at the shelter whose jaw was broken when he was hit by a car.

This pretty boy, King, is now up for adoption though he does still have some wiring on his jaw. Maybe he will be featured in a future column! For now he deserves a little more time to recuperate. You can see King and everyone else adoptable by going to 24Pet-Connect.com. There are a lot of great dogs and cats to choose from right now!

One dog that made quite a showing at the Holiday Fundraiser was funny boy Gonzo! Gonzo subbed in at the Smooch Booth when my girl Baylee indicated that her Smooch Booth days are now behind her. Baylee only wanted the treats and gave out kisses fairly reluctantly. Gonzo, on the other hand, was more than happy to kiss anyone! Gonzo was a hit with everyone. We brought out a few puppies to take a turn in the booth but they mostly preferred playing with Gonzo! Gonzo is a small dog, weighing in at about 30 pounds. He is just about a



DOG TOWN
Mara Segal

year old and is a very fun guy. Gonzo gets along with other dogs and humans large and small. He met a lot of people on his afternoon as the shelter's ambassador and was totally charming. I think he was disappointed when the event ended and he had to go back to his kennel. If you are needing a little more love in your life, come meet Gonzo!

At the other end of the size meter (but not the love meter!) we have Rango. Rango is a big boy, weighing in at about 120 pounds. Rango and his buddy Dorado came in to the shelter after being abandoned in Southern Humboldt. They had been left behind on a rural property and someone was dropping food off once a month for them. Honestly, I don't know how they survived, but, happily, they did.



Gonzo with Lucinda Adamson. ASHLEY YOUNG | DOGTOWN

Perhaps these were what we refer to as "grow dogs," but they must have been terrible at their jobs if they were supposed to be protecting anything. Rango



Mara and Rango. ASHLEY YOUNG | DOGTOWN

would open the door, invite you in and put the tea kettle on for you. This is one of the most gentle dogs we have ever met. He seems completely uninterested in the cats outside his door, loves cuddles, belly rubs and kisses, and showed every interest in playing with Peaches, who is half his size. We toyed with the idea of putting him out at the smooch booth, but decided he might be a little drooly for that job.

Rango is some sort of large breed dog. It's hard to tell what that might be. Poor guy has had his ears cropped and that changes his appearance a bit. His age is guesstimated at around six, though he was acting like a puppy the other day when he was play-bowing in front of Peaches! If you have room for a big dog, you couldn't do better than this one.

Both of these boys are available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, where there are also a lot of great dogs that fall in between these two in size. The shelter is located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. Appointments and more information are available at (707) 840-9132.

Leaders | Seconds-in-command rise to top city posts

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for one year. The mayor of Arcata's duties include presiding at Council meetings, representing the Council at community events and performing other ministerial duties. The vice-mayor will preside in the event of the mayor's absence.

Of her appointment, Mayor Matthews said, "I am honored to assume the role of Mayor of Arcata for the coming year. I'm excited to continue to work with my fellow hardworking Councilwomen to serve the residents of Arcata by seizing opportunities and meeting our challenges head-on."

The next Arcata City Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20. For more information on how to view the meeting or make public comment, visit cityofarcata.org.

City of Arcata welcomes a familiar face as police chief

Arcata, CA, December 15, 2023 – The City of Arcata announced today that Bart Silvers has been appointed Arcata Police Department's new Chief of Police.

The incoming Chief of Police will be responsible for

ensuring that the Arcata Police Department is supporting the Arcata community's core values essential to contemporary law enforcement, continuing the community's high level of policing services, building vital community partnerships and growing successful public safety programs focusing on business safety, neighborhood crime, property theft and drug use.

Recruitment for the Chief of Police position was conducted by an outside recruiting firm, Bob Murray and Associates, who specializes in executive police recruitment. The recruitment process included a nationwide search which resulted in 10 applicants.

"Chief of Police is a vital and engaged position in Arcata. It was critical to select a leader with proven experience and the ability to bring specific skills and qualities to Arcata that could allow the department to build on the success that they have generated these past few years under Chief Ahearn. After considering valuable feedback from community members, department and non-department staff, we found that

Bart Silvers's commitment to community policing and his proven dedication to the City and the University community was the best fit for our City," said Karen Diemer, Arcata City Manager, of Silvers' appointment.

Silvers has over 22 years of public safety and progressive law enforcement experience with the City of Arcata. He was hired as a Police Officer in 2001. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005 and then to Lieutenant in 2010. He has served as Acting and Interim Chief numerous times throughout his career.

During his tenure at APD Silvers has held many positions within the department including, Field Training Officer, Sexual Assault Investigator, Background Investigator, Internal Affairs Investigator, Critical Incident Response Team Member, Firearms Instructor, Sexual Assault Response Team Supervisor, Detective Sergeant and most recently Patrol Commander.

As Lieutenant, he implemented numerous initiatives to enhance Arcata's police department including streamlining the recruitment

Billboards | Removal powers limited, as are billboard features

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been billboards that fell down and there were huge uproars during hearings to issue permits to rebuild them."

But the state, not the county, is the arbiter of how existing billboards can be controlled.

"To a certain extent, we're limited by state law in terms of what we can do," said Planning Director John Ford.

So the newest version of the ordinance refers to the rules included in state's Outdoor Advertising Act.

Billboard owners are allowed to maintain their signs without local government control. That includes all aspects of re-building or re-erecting signs to their original condition.

But there are limits, as outlined in the ordinance.

Rebuilt signs can't be taller, larger, relocated or repositioned. Display additions such as adding illumination or "changeable messaging" are also disallowed.

There is a process available for local

governments seeking to get rid of existing billboards that topple, however.

Noting that billboards are a "hot topic," Commissioner Sara West asked Ford to clarify the county's options should an existing billboard fall.

"If a billboard falls down, it can be replaced unless we want to buy it out," he replied.

The amount of the buyout is based on "just compensation depending on what they were expecting to make off of that billboard," said County Planner Jacob Dunn.

Ford explained further, saying "there's value in terms of what the ability to rent the billboard is .. it's not just the cost of the billboard."

In addition to the compensation, the draft ordinance says the county has to give notice of its plans "a minimum of seven years prior to actual removal of the sign."

Commissioner Brian Mitchell proposed hiring an "expert" attorney to analyze the county's options.

"I feel a strong sense from the community, all the way up to individuals within the county that I've spoken to, that we want to make sure we're regulating as much of this activity as possible, even if there is a disagreement on where that limit is," he said.

When Ford reiterated the deference to state law, Mitchell asked about the California Coastal Act.

Ford acknowledged that the state's Coastal Commission "believes that they don't have the same limitations that local government does when it comes to billboards" but "they have opportunities to act on that and they have not."

He added, "So there is talk – and there is action."

With that, the commission moved on to the draft law's other aspects. They include regulating digital signs and setting permit conditions for various types of signs.

The commission will continue its review of the ordinance at its Jan. 18 meeting.

8. Fake charities: The last few weeks of the year is a busy time for charitable donations. Verify a charity at BBB's Give.org or on the Canada Revenue Agency website. Where possible, donate to the charity through their website and use a credit card.
9. Fake shipping notifications: More consumers are making purchases online, and there is also an increase in the number of notifications about shipping details from retailers and carriers. Scammers are using this new surge to send phishing emails with links enclosed that may allow unwanted access to your private information or download malware onto your device. They may also try to trick people into paying new shipping fees.
10. Advent calendars: This year, there seem to be more advent calendars for sale than ever. Consumers should research before they buy, read reviews and look up the company on BBB.org before purchasing.

11. Top holiday wishlist items: Low-priced luxury goods, jewelry, designer clothing, and electronics are almost always cheap counterfeits and knockoffs. The same applies to popular toys. This year, Barbie and Ken, Bitzee, and Paw Patrol headphones are some of the items in high demand. Be very cautious when considering purchasing popular toys from resellers on Facebook Marketplace and other platforms.
12. Puppy scams: Many families may be considering adding a furry friend to their household this year. However, be on the lookout for scams. Many would-be pet owners turn to the internet to find their future cat or dog, but experts say a shocking 80 percent of sponsored pet advertisements may be fake. Be sure to see the pet in person before making a purchase.

For more information around this holiday season make sure you visit BBB.org/holiday to shop safe, shop smart.



WALKERS Jeanne O'Neale and Lynn McKenna at the opening ceremonies for the 2023 Walk. PHOTO BY MARK MCKENNA

Local Visiting Angels win three national awards

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S EUREKA – The Visiting Angels Eureka team, captained by Visiting Angels Executive Director Jeanne O'Neale, finished in first place nationwide for most money raised for a Visiting Angels team (\$38,665.63) and O'Neale finished first in the nation for most money raised by a Visiting Angels' participant (\$20,200) followed in second by teammate Lynn McKenna with \$15,228.

The team also won the award for having the largest Visiting Angels team. The team will be awarded \$45,000 from the Visiting Angels CEO which will increase the Visiting Angels team total to \$83,665.63 and the Humboldt Walk to End Alzheimer's total to \$181,827.

Kim Coelho, Alzheimer's Association senior community engagement manager, is amazed by what McKenna, O'Neale, Lori Cantu and the rest of their team members were able to accomplish. "It is a testament to their determination to put an end to this disease. In addition to fundraising, they also help educate the community about the disease."

The Alzheimer's Association announced in early November that they invested a \$100 million into research initiatives in 2023. This commitment stands as the largest single-year investment since the organization's founding in 1980.

"As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's and dementia research, the Alzheimer's Association is committed to accelerating the global effort to eliminate Alzheimer's and all other dementia, and, until then, to improve care and quality of life for people living with the disease," said Joanne Pike, DrPH, Alzheimer's Association president and CEO.

Another monumental milestone is within reach: a record-breaking \$100 million raised in a single year by Walk participants. Included in this \$100 million is the \$181,827 that the Humboldt County Walk raised, surpassing the goal of \$163,000.

In 2023, the Alzheimer's Association funded 271 scientific investigations from researchers at all career levels examining topics across the spectrum of dementia science. The Association's global, cumulative impact on research now includes more than \$360 million invested in over 1,000 active research projects in 53 countries, spanning six continents.

"Unprecedented times need to be met with unprecedented action," said Pike. "The Alzheimer's Association is the only organization that is tackling Alzheimer's and all other dementia from all angles and in all communities. This \$100 million annual investment is illustrative of the momentum we have built and are driving forward in dementia research. Our investments today will lead to break-

throughs tomorrow."

O'Neale said that their reason she participates is to help put an end to this disease. "Alzheimer's is a disease that people live with 24 hours a day so we will continue fundraising. Alzheimer's doesn't stop. It 24/7 year-round." O'Neale said people often say to her, "I thought that was over. I tell them not till we find a cure." She invites everyone in the community to join her team as they kick off the Walk season in January 2024.

McKenna said, "the reason that the Walk has been so successful this year is directly related to the generosity of the businesses in the community and the thousands of individuals that have sponsored all of our teams." McKenna added, "It's never over till mission accomplished." Donations for this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's ends Dec. 31. "We need your help to continue funding research around the world," she said. "This horrible disease never stops, and neither will we until a cure is found!"

If you would like to donate, you can text 2ENDALZ to 51555 or go to the Humboldt County Walk website at alz.org/humboldt. The 2023 Walk will continue to accept donations until Dec. 31.

Plans are already underway for the ninth annual Humboldt County Walk to End Alzheimer's which will take place at the Adorni Center on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. Teams can start signing up in January.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 3,500 people in Humboldt and Del Norte counties suffer from the fatal disease, a number projected to rise to more than 5,000 in the next decade.

Families that are battling this disease can contact the Alzheimer's Association, Area 1 Agency on Aging, Adult Day Health Care of Mad River, Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Alzheimer's Resource Center, North Coast Neuropsychology, Redwood Caregiver Resource Center, and Visiting Angels.

The Alzheimer's Association provides a free nationwide 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) that receives more than 310,000 calls annually and is staffed by specialists and master's-level clinicians who provide support, offer information and suggest referrals.

According to Coelho, many of these calls come in around 2 a.m., when family members feel the most alone and discouraged. "They are so relieved to find out that others are going through similar situations and that there is help available."

The Alzheimer's Association website: alz.org is a reliable source of information and includes educational opportunities and support groups.

For more information, contact the local Alzheimer's Association office at (707) 832-4577 x1240 or email kcoelho@alz.org.



A CAST OF FALCONS Teagan Mahony, Coach Rich Grissom, Meghan O'Neil, Ansley Bartoo, Chakeni Bartoo, Avery Bartoo, Layla Thomas-Heft, Trinity Charleston, Lilyana Dusseau and Aviva Orlandi. PHOTO VIA WENDY ORLANDI | FIELDBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION
FIELDBROOK – When the Fieldbrook Falcons came home to roost after a trip up north last week, they didn't return empty-taloned.

Out of 40 teams in five divisions competing in the Crescent City Jaycees 2023 Girls Basketball Tournament Dec. 8 and 9, the Fieldbrook Girls Varsity Basketball Team boasted a commendable 6-3 win/loss record; finishing 12-5 for the season.

But Falcon pride really soared over the team gaining the prestigious Sportsmanship Award.

The award results from ratings earned by each team over the three days of the tournament. "It's not about how well you win, but sometimes it matters

how well you lose," said Coach Rick Grissom. "I've always told my girls to be very gracious winners and very humble losers."

Sportsmanship, he said, is vital, especially in this day and age. "The girls do a really good job of relaying that, on and off the court."

The nine-girl team includes seven seventh and eighth graders, plus a fifth and sixth grader for tournament play.

The local Small Schools League includes area teams, some just beginning and others more advanced, and can be intensely competitive, Grissom said.

"When we're playing teams that are not as well organized as we are, with a lot of new players, I make my girls play on defense with one foot in the key [the marked area near the bas-

ket]," he said. "That gives the other team chances to shoot from the outside and actually score, and not just get crumpled into the ground."

Too much emphasis on winning and avoiding loss can be discouraging to young

athletes, Grissom said.

"I try to teach them to have fun – go out there and do the best you can," he said. "They can come off the court feeling good about themselves. It's all about memories and having fun."

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WRAPPED AND READY Some of the gifts collected by Cal Poly Humboldt. PHOTO VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – Sitting piled high on a table are toys, clothes, and electronics ready to be wrapped and delivered to children throughout Humboldt County as part of Cal Poly Humboldt’s Winter Wishes program. This year, over 350 gifts will be delivered.
The Winter Wishes program brings together the campus community to purchase gifts for local children who may not receive any during the holiday season. It was started by former Humboldt employee Bill Clem over 25 years ago. Since 2015, it’s been coordinated by Forever Humboldt. Every year, sponsors sign up to shop for and provide children with specific gifts they asked for, ensuring a personalized and happy experience for each child.
“One of the things that I love about this great program is that it was initiated by one person, Bill, who wanted to bring holiday cheer to kids in local shelters. Over the years, it has been passed on and sustained by many supporters, including local non-profits, donors, and individuals who spend time wrapping gifts. The holiday season is all about giving back, and this program is a beautiful example of that,” says Stephanie Lane, Alumni Relations executive director.
This year, 71 supporters, including alumni, staff, faculty, students, athletic teams, student clubs, and local community members, signed up to spread holiday cheer and sponsor a child in need. A total of 83 Humboldt children will receive gifts this season.
“The program’s longevity has inspired donors, students, and the community to unite yearly and spread the holiday spirit,” Lane says.



TOT FODDER On Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the McKinleyville Station, the Arcata Fire District displayed toys collected in Arcata and McKinleyville. The outpouring of generosity from the community helps to soften the blow of the theft of \$7,000 worth of toys from the Toys for Tots warehouse over the weekend. The holiday haul was loaded into two vans and taken to Eureka for distribution starting last Friday. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Arcata firefighters, Marines bring the toys

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT
MCKINLEYVILLE – On Dec. 13 the Arcata Fire District and the Arcata Professional Firefighters Local 4981 worked in conjunction to collect toys for the U.S. Marine Corps League Toys for Tots.
The press was invited to join the Arcata Fire District and Arcata Professional Firefighters Local 4981 as they turned over all collected funds and toys to the U.S. Marine Corps League Toys for Tots.
It is believed that this year’s donations may have surpassed the amount of toys collected from previous years of this collaboration.



We thank the local businesses that did a spectacular job at collecting donations this year: NorCal Tattoo, Traci Day State Farm, Ken’s Auto Parts, Baywood Golf & Country Club, Blondie’s Beauty Shop, Murphy’s Markets (Sunny Brae and Westwood), CVS Arcata, Holly Yashi, Sequoia Gas, Fleet Pride, The Fireplace Arcata, Tractor Supply Arcata, Edward Jones McKinleyville, Lube Central McKinleyville, Coast Central Credit Union (Arcata), Little Learners, The Parlour McKinleyville, Northern Redwood Federal Credit Union and Redwood Capital Bank Arcata.

STOP THE PRESSES For the first time since 2019, the Mad River Union held its annual Staff Appreciation Banquet at Plaza Grill last Friday night. Below, some of the attendees. Thanks to all who contribute to the newspaper, including community members, business partners and family members. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



Above, Union photographer/columnist Bob Doran demonstrates cellular telephone technology to hard-boiled Union Editor Jack Durham. Right, the ink-stained diners.



IN APPRECIATION



Above, Union photograher Matt Filar and Tami Matsumoto, Lucrecia Olsen and Terry Finigan. Right, the Union’s two-Terry cartooning department, Terry Finigan and Terry Torgerson, share composition tips.



Solution to Crossword:

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Left, Kim Durham, Union writer Janine Volkmar and Don Ozard Right, Union Ad Manager Jada Brotman, Trinidad Tidings columnist Patti Fleschner and Emily May. Below, Bird Brains columnist Louise Bacon-Ogden and Elizabeth Drabkin.



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4-H DONATIONS The Arcata Bottom 4-H held a dessert auction, and raised \$12,000, then obtained a grant of \$800 from the Humboldt Area Foundation. With this they purchased coats, clothing and shoes and donated it all to Northcoast Children’s Services to distribute to children as needed. PHOTO BY MATT FILAR | UNION



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Christmas Eve Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Church corner of Hector and Parker streets on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

December at Trinidad Art Gallery

Trinidad Art Gallery, corner of Trinity and Parker streets, is a special place to find original gifts. The art cooperative, founded 11 years ago, features some of the county’s finest artists and features work in a variety of media: paintings, prints, drawings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, stained glass, blown glass, botanical and prints, leather masks, soft sculpture and more.

Three new members are displaying their work this month.
Leslie Mahon-Russo’s multi-layered abstract paintings on wood panels or oil paper feature a process of cold wax mixed with oil paints. She employs powdered pigment, oil sticks, charcoal powder and chalk. Her imagery is often inspired by the rocks she finds on Clam Beach.

Christine Connerly explores the beaches and forests and photographs images of birds and other wildlife, beach scenes,



CRABBY CREATIONS Mary Spinass Kline and Dorothy Cox surprise Trinidadians with their holiday crab pot creations at Ocean and West streets. PATTI FLESCHER PHOTO

New Year’s Eve at Trinidad Town Hall

Join the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce in welcoming 2024 at Trinidad Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The evening will feature live music from local bands Heavens Taint and Soul Trip, generous hors d’oeuvres and a complimentary sparkling wine toast. A cash bar will be available.

Pre-sale tickets may be purchased for \$20 at *BIT. LY/GTCCNYE* or pay \$25 at the door. Everyone is invited to celebrate 2024 in the cheeriest of company.

Don’t forget the GTCC’s Trinidad-Clam Beach Run is coming Feb. 3, 2024. Runners advised to begin training now, or at least after Christmas dinner.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

A new alliance forms as Humboldt Crabs join Pacific Empire League

HUMBOLDT CRABS BASEBALL
ARCATA – The Humboldt Crabs are excited to announce that beginning this summer we will be joining the brand new Pacific Empire League!

Joining the Crabs in this new alliance are five additional West Coast organizations with whom Crabs fans are already familiar – the Healdsburg Prune Packers, Lincoln Potters, Medford Rogues, Solano Mudcats, and West Coast Kings.

“The Humboldt Crabs organization is incredibly proud to be a part of the Pacific Empire League,” said Crabs president Scarlet Palmer. “We look forward to moving into our 80th season with a well-executed schedule and vigorous competition for the benefit of both our fans and our players.”

Since their last year in the Far West League in 2013, the Crabs have played as an independent team for the last decade, but have always maintained close ties with several West Coast teams.

And when the opportunity arose to join forces with several of those teams, the decision was a no-brainer.

The league affiliation will assure strong competition at the Arcata Ball Park, as well as bring other enhancements to the fan experience, not the least of which is the potential to participate in a three-game championship series at the end of each season between the top two teams in the league.

“The Humboldt Crabs are honored to be a part of the Pacific Empire League in 2024 and years to come,” said Crabs assistant coach Eric Giaccone. “We’re excited for the opportunity to compete against the best collegiate teams from Northern California and Southern Oregon. The PEL is going to create rivalries that will increase the fan experience at the Arcata Ballpark moving forward.”

A press release from the Pacific Empire League is below. The 80th season of Humboldt Crabs baseball season begins on Friday, May 31. See you at the ballpark!

PACIFIC EMPIRE LEAGUE
West Coast Baseball Powerhouses Unite to Form Pacific Empire League (PEL)
Best Coast, USA – Today marks the union of six top-tier Summer Collegiate Baseball franchises on the West Coast as they join forces to



launch the Pacific Empire League Humboldt Crabs Baseball, Inc. (PEL).

The Healdsburg Prune Packers, Humboldt Crabs, Lincoln Potters, Medford Rogues, Solano Mudcats, and West Coast Kings will anchor the league in a groundbreaking collaboration.

The PEL is dedicated to delivering robust competition and fostering player development in fan-focused communities.

In its debut 2024 season, the PEL will unite three former CCL teams (Prune Packers, Potters, Mudcats), leading Bay Area squad, the West Coast Kings, and two thriving independent teams (Crabs and Rogues). The summer schedule, featuring a climactic 3-game Championship Series, will provide a dynamic summer game range of up to 55 high-stakes matchups.

“The Pacific Empire League checks all the boxes as a topnotch collegiate baseball league, featuring historic teams with devoted fan bases, and strong ties to college coaches and scouts. Our integrated tech further enhances player exposure and development,” said Joey Gomes, GM/head coach, Healdsburg Prune Packers

Meet the Teams

- Healdsburg Prune Packers: Dominated the CCL for six seasons, finishing atop the northern division each year while claiming the league championship the last three consecutive seasons. Over 70 players drafted or signed pro contracts.
- Lincoln Potters: Seven-season winning record, three CCL playoff appearances, leading in fan engagement, and 15 drafted players in the past two years.
- Humboldt Crabs: America’s oldest continually-operated Summer Collegiate Baseball team since 1945, fostering over 300 pro players.
- Medford Rogues: Independent trailblazers with nearly a thousand fans per game, 39 players drafted or signed since 2013.
- Solano Mudcats: A Summer Collegiate Baseball staple since 1990, boasting 31 D1 players in the last three seasons.
- West Coast Kings: 2021 and 2023 West Coast World Series champions, featuring 61 D1 talents in the last three seasons.



CHOOSE WISELY Three alternatives for the Arcata Ball Park. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGES

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City invites residents to provide input for a new front façade at the Arcata Ball Park!

The City of Arcata and Humboldt Crabs are implementing improvements to the beloved Arcata Ball Park with an investment of \$1 million in state funding secured by Senator Mike McGuire.

Informed by a master planning effort in 2017 and current needs and opportunities at the Ball Park, the project will enhance accessibility to the family-friendly grassy seating area in left field, modernize and open up the entrance plaza and create further identity for the Ball Park with a new façade. SHN Engineers and Geologists, Inc. and Dillingham Associates are assisting the City and the Crabs with project design. Construction is anticipated to commence in late summer 2024 and be complete prior to the 2025 Humboldt Crabs season.

A new front façade will create further identity for the Ball Park and be a landmark destination within Arcata to draw even more families to enjoy a ball game and visit local downtown businesses.

The project team has developed several façade concepts and welcomes the community’s feedback to refine the design.

The project team will consider community and stakeholder input as well as potential construction cost and maintenance considerations to finalize a façade design.

The online survey is available at tinyurl.com/arcataballpark. The City thanks residents in advance for sharing their ideas to inform the design of a new façade at the Arcata Ball Park.

The City of Arcata Parks & Recreation Committee will review survey input at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in Arcata City Hall in the City Council Chamber.

Community members are welcome to attend to share any additional thoughts on the Arcata Ball Park Improvement Project or send an email to eservices@cityofarcata.org.

For more information, contact the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.

Smog-belching idlers encouraged to make like the wind and blow elsewhere

• **Friday, December 1 12:20 a.m.** A pair of gasbags temporarily alive with pleasure via the smoking of cigarettes stationed themselves at the front door of a skeeze-be-leaguered Uniontown supermarket. There, they took to blowing cig exhaust, borne on the sour winds of halitosis, on unsuspecting shoppers headed in to the store. An officer’s cordial warning, steely gaze and the glint of gleaming handcuffs all combined to persuade the carcinogen emitters to find some other purpose in life, and not there.

• **8:21 a.m.** A face-tattooed man entered a G Street bank to have a public argument with himself, then strolled artfully away.

• **11:25 a.m.** A mentor arrived at the home of a woman who’d been “blackout drunk” the previous night, where vodka bottles in the bathroom told the tale.

• **11:46 a.m.** A coterie of campers clumped up on South G Street amid vehicles in various stages of decomposition. Multiple individuals came and went from the shambolic caravan, some toiling to repair cars in the roadway. There were signs of migration to the more agreeable climes of a nearby brewing company’s parking lot.

• **12:06 p.m.** An RV ran slowly aground Proceeding to release the hounds A poochy-dog maelstrom We know the details from E Street, where six dogs romped around

• **12:18 p.m.** Another loose dog Marsh Interpretive Center Arfed at randos there

• **10 p.m.** A drunk boyfriend threw a glass bottle at his girlfriend’s head, she said, calling from the bedroom. Of some concern was that the living room also contained a hatchet.

• **Saturday, December 2 7 a.m.** Among the life experiences that truly, deeply suck is waking up to find that someone crashed

into your parked car overnight, completely smashing in the back end.

• **10:37 a.m.** An F Street ATM user was approached by two strange-acting men, one carrying a friendly baseball bat. Sensing little benefit further sharing their company, the person walked away as the batmen lingered at the cash dispenser.

• **7 a.m.** A man with facial embellishments twice attempted to shoplift at a camping store, and left yelling as though he, not the shop, had been wronged.

• **6:24 p.m.** A man pioneering a new form of pantsless camping made a micro-homestead outside a 10th Street yoga studio. When the trouser-emancipated outdoorsman took to banging on the business’s window, properly empanted police officers came and arrested him.

• **Sunday, December 3 1:26 a.m.** The Carport of Mystery, Adventure and Romance lived up to its tawdry tradition of kooky spooky hanky-panky when passionate moaning emanated from the dark, dank, dingy car cubbyhole and anything further, we probably don’t want to know.

• **2:26 a.m.** When a Granite Avenue music aficionado turned his stereo up to 11, a roommate objected and was at risk for violent reprisals for suggesting any attenuation. Police were asked to submit the same request.

• **2:56 a.m.** The afterglow of a gathering of houseguests at a Ninth Street resident’s home was marred by the disappearance of the hostess’s purse, which contained a debit card, wallet, car keys and other life essentials.

• **5:23 a.m.** Apparently there’s a parking spot on Alliance Road that isn’t a parking place after all, as no cars are allowed there. And yet, said someone who saw a red VW Beetle deposited in the not-a-spot, Schrödinger’s parking place provides uncanny sanctuary from servants of

the law. “That’s where people park to avoid the cops,” they said.

• **8:06 a.m.** An argumentative smoker wasn’t measurably enhancing the postal experience for patrons in the Bayside Post Office. Despite his colorful flower-power pants, the fuming fusspot singlehandedly shattered the serenity of the lobby with his stinky, crabby ways until compelled to move on.

• **11:24 a.m.** A tattoo-faced man reportedly assaulted someone’s throat, then tried to steal the person’s stuff at a Ninth Street housing services annex. He was arrested.

• **12:03 p.m.** An Eighth Street senior housing resident said a red-haired, partly bald maintenance man wearing a company hat had been filming her while she took a bath, and it’s an ongoing problem.

• **12:36 p.m.** A woman and two men set up a camp next to a Giuntoli Lane ATM, and used it as a launching pad for harassment at those who would attempt transactions there.

• **Tuesday, December 5 9:42 a.m.** An “uncooperative” caller said an armed woman wearing a wolf tail and wolf ears was headed to the Plaza to carry out shooting threats. The wolverine woman wasn’t located.

• **11:10 a.m.** Creamery-zone folk are growing weary of an RV/pharmacy/dispensary, the haunted-looking dope fiends patronizing it and the burglaries and thefts in the area.

• **11:22 a.m.** A man in the lobby of an I Street office building was reported using business supplies to wash himself, though he had no actual biz to conduct there. Cleansed with freebies, he repaired to a bench to savor some hot coffee, where he was asked to move along.

• **11:53 a.m.** A Weott Way employee was destined to go out to their car after work and find it not there, having been repossessed.

• **12:05 p.m.** A man sleeping at the branch library’s front doorway was as unresponsive and immovable as a comparably sized bag of cement.

• **12:26 p.m.** A landscaping-based dispute on

Fickle Hill Road left someone unsatisfied, and he reportedly retaliated by harnessing the power of subatomic particles, shining a “high voltage” flashlight into someone’s window.

• **1:18 p.m.** A man paced back and forth in front of the Post Office, wearing two pairs of pants with a knife secured at the hip, making nonsensical statements.

• **4:49 p.m.** A pantsless woman lifted up her shirt at passersby in the Plaza’s center. She, deemed drunk, was arrested.

• **9:08 p.m.** A couple of cows took a romantic stroll from V Street to Vaissade Road.

• **9:09 p.m.** A Diamond Drive resident using her restroom overheard neighbors talking about taking her child and dog away from her, and battering her. The hostile talk made her feel unsafe.

• **Wednesday, December 6 6:19 a.m.** An impressive riot of hypodermic needles populated the parking lot at Seventh and G streets.

• **10:38 a.m.** A person unable to care for themselves had a psychotic episode not ameliorated by the moldy couch with moldy food.

• **1:34 p.m.** A patron emerged from a Plaza restaurant, got in a black Jeep and crashed it into another patron’s car causing front-end damage, then drove away. The victim was able to get an itemized receipt of the crasher’s meal from the café, which... helped?

• **Thursday, December 7 10:33 a.m.** A Bayside-area caller wanted to know if roosters are allowed within city limits. According to the mighty Arcata Municipal Code, section 9.42.050, they are, in agriculture exclusive, ag exclusive-Coastal Zone and Natural Resources-zoned areas, plus other non-residential areas with a permit. codepublishing.com/CA/Arcata/#!/LUC/ArcataLUC0940/ArcataLUC0942.html%239.42.050

• **12:28 p.m.** A vehicle heading south through a Plaza alley tried to go around another vehicle in the alley, but scraped against the building and broke a downspout. The entire gripping *es-scrape-ade* was captured on video.

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ALL AGES NEW YEAR'S BALL The Redwood Raks Collective invites the public to an All Ages New Year's Ball at the Redwood Raks Studio at the Creamery District, 824 L St., Arcata on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6 to midnight. The event features an opportunity to dance swing, Latin, blues, fusion, top 40, and live music with the incredible College of the Redwoods Jazz Band! Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase. Admission is \$10 at the door. There will be a special event for families with young children with music, dress-up and a balloon drop at 9 p.m. Cost is \$20 a family. For more information, visit redwoodraks.com or call (707) 816-2809.

TRINIDAD NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Join the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce in welcoming the New Year at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. at 12:30 a.m. This festive event features live music from local favorites Heavens Taint and Soul Trip, generous hors d'oeuvres, and a complimentary champagne toast. A cash bar will be available to keep the spirits flowing throughout the night. Get your tickets early for \$20 presale or for \$25 on the day of the event. Secure your presale tickets now at BIT.LYGTCCNYE.

❖ ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

Variety Show & Dance Party

PLAYHOUSE ARTS
CREAMERY DISTRICT – Playhouse Arts is excited to announce a New Years Eve Variety Show and Dance Party at the Arcata Playhouse, the night before New Years Eve. The event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at 1251 Ninth St., Arcata.,

It's going to be a weekendfull of celebrations to close out 2023, so make your first stop of the weekend festivities at the Playhouse for a full hour of short acts from over a dozen local performers, with sketch comedy, musical acts, tap dancing, poetry, and song.

The list of players to entertain you include your very own friends from the Playhouse: Jackie Dandeneau, David Ferney, Laura Muñoz, James Hildebrandt, and Melanie Schauwecker.

Joining the roster are special friends and frequent performers at the Playhouse: Peggy Martinez, Tim Randles, James Zeller, Julie Fulkerson, Gwen Post, James Floss, Ken Lawrence, Doug Marcum, Ben Aldag, Tom Szantos, Melissa Hinz, and more.

After the Variety Show, stay for a dance party, with live music by the RLAD Quartet and guest singers.

Specialty drinks at the bar, local beer on tap, fresh popcorn, chocolate chip cookies, and friends all around in the dark and cozy atmosphere of the Playhouse theater, this is one holiday fundraiser Extravaganza you won't want to miss.

Cabaret seating with tables and an open dance floor for the second half of the show. See you there!

Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m., and dance party at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at playhousearts.org, or at Wildberries Marketplace. To reserve, call (707) 822-1575, or purchase at the door.

Artist sought for Kinetic poster

KINETIC UNIVERSE
HUMBOLDT – Kinetic Universe, the nonprofit organization that produces the Kinetic Grand Championship, is accepting applicants from artists to design the poster and merchandise for the 2024 Kinetic Grand Championship.

This is a contracted position and is paid a flat fee upon completion of the work. In addition to creating the event poster, the artist will provide elements from the poster for use on social media, the race website and print ads.

The artist will also use the poster design to create the volunteer T-shirt and event T-shirt with sponsor logos on the back. Applicants should be familiar with the work of Kinetic Universe and have a general understanding of the Kinetic Grand Championship. Race posters and merch should be bold, convey a feeling of fun, and the ideal designs will reference past or current racers and/or their machines. The designer should be comfortable with digital design, receiving feedback and meeting deadlines.

Please send your proof of concept and at least two samples of your work to karincolumbell@kineticuniverse.org by Dec. 31, 2023, for consideration. We will review all candidates and interview top choices over Zoom in the second week of January. If a candidate is not chosen to design the poster, there still may be opportunities for the candidate to design other merchandise. For the glory!



GRAMMY NOMINATED Gov't Mule is coming to the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.. The quartet, led by Grammy-winning vocalists Warren Haynes, is celebrating 30 years of playing the blues. Tickets are available at centerarts.humboldt.edu.

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SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL The EXIT Theatre is accepting 10 minute plays for two more weeks for the 2024 EXIT Theatre Short Play Festival. Send one play, of 10 minutes or less, to mail@theexit.org as an attachment in PDF or Word format. Include a cover email with your contact information (email, phone, address) and staging ideas (i.e. set, props, music) as well as if you are able to provide a director for your piece. The 2024 EXIT Theatre Short Play Festival will present 12 short plays for three performances each at the EXIT Theatre Arcata, 890 G St., second floor from Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 30, 2024. Each selected playwright will receive a \$25 royalty, and all production costs for the production will be covered by the theater. Playwrights retain all rights to their plays. mail@theexit.org

SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL Generations of families celebrate the Christmas season with a special trip to see The Nutcracker ballet, spending time together and creating wonderful holiday memories. The Sundance Ballet Company will help continue that tradition as it presents the much-loved classic at Cal Poly Humboldt's Van Duzer Theater today, Dec. 20 with performances at 2 and 7 p.m. The beautiful and timeless music of Tchaikovsky brings to life the story of Clara and the Nutcracker and features wonderful scenes like the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the epic battle between the Nutcracker and Rat King. A cast of 90 dancers will perform the two hour show that is the traditional version of the ballet. Sixteen pre-professional Sundance Ballet Company members auditioned and were cast in the Nutcracker's leading roles. Advance tickets for the performance are \$15 for children ages twelve and under or \$20 for adults. At the door ticket pricess are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at DanceEureka.com, at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, or at The Dance Scene Studio in Eureka.

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, Dec. 21 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola reforms Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

BIG 4 perform Friday, Dec. 22 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

FLYNN MARTIN performs Friday, Dec. 22 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local band Flynn Martin is an acoustic duo performing familiar favorites with a whole lot of passion and soul. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS perform Friday, Dec. 22 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Avenue. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin' it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

FRANCES VANEK AND RLA WITH QUARTET NOIR perform Saturday, Dec. 23 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. RLA is a jazz trio that plays original music and a mix of standards with a twist, and with Quartet Noir, enjoy excellent soul, blues, swing and bossa nova with Christina D'Alessandro (vocals), Andrew Widman (guitar), Devin Penner (keyboard) and Ben Aldag (drums). Doors open at 5 p.m., first show starts at 6 p.m., Quartet Noir at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

ROB AMERMAN'S 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH Rob Amerman will celebrate his 50th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 6 at HumBrews, 856 10th St., Arcata. This epic show will feature three local original rock bands: War Moth, Former Chimps and The Big Mahoff. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

COMING UP

- Swingo Domingo performs at the Logger in Blue Lake, Friday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m.
- Diggin Dirt performs at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Dec. 30, 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.
- Object Heavy performs at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.
- Band of Brothers with Tony Levin performs at the Arcata Playhouse, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
- Timbata performs at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m.
- The Peking Acrobats perform at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
- Papadosio and Desert Dwellers perform at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m.
- Afroman performs at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Feb. 1, 9 p.m.

Photographer/videographer wanted to chronicle economic development

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY
HUMBOLDT – As the holidays are nearing, the California Center for Rural Policy is excited to spread

the joy in the form of an opportunity: we're looking for up to two photographers/videographers in the Redwood Region RISE (Resilient Inclusive Sustainable Economy): Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino Counties and Tribal Lands.

As our photo/videogra-

pher, you will create content photography and/or videography for Redwood Region RISE's storytelling, digital communications, and project mapping purposes.

Between January-June 2024, you will work collaboratively to develop a visual content strategy to ensure

photo/video materials are inclusive, representative, accessible, and help foster a shared vision for economic development in the region that aligns with Redwood Region RISE's objectives: to develop a community-led, climate-forward economy.

The photo/videographic content should make tangible and bring to life the economic development projects and initiatives taking place in our region, and highlight our diverse communities' lived experiences, challenges, and opportunities.

Apply By Jan. 1, 2024. You can apply to submit a proposal for the position of photographer, videographer, or both. Please send your proposal to Leoni Fohr, communications associate by Jan. 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m. via email to

ccrp@humboldt.edu and include "Proposal for Videographer/Photographer" in the subject line.

Available budget and other things to consider:

- The California Center for Rural Policy has up to \$42,000 available for all deliverables laid out in the request for proposal;
- The photo/videographer will need to provide their own equipment, meaning everything they need to achieve the deliverables;
- Applicants must be able to provide: A business license OR a copy of their Articles of Incorporation or Organization (for LLCs or Inc.'s); a link to their website or their current CV for their CEO/AO that lists current work with that business; a budget by general cost category to accompany their bid.

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Cal Poly Humboldt holds fall Commencement

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Nearly 300 Cal Poly Humboldt students participated in the fall Commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15, and more than 2,500 friends and family members joined the graduates to celebrate and witness the ceremony.

Additionally, a video recording of each ceremony will be available for free on *commencement.humboldt.edu* in the next few weeks. Humboldt's first graduation event occurred in May 1915 at Arcata's Minor Theatre, where 15 women received teaching certificates. Now, 106 years later, Humboldt

introduced its first fall commencement ceremony in 2021. This year's graduates join Humboldt's more than 84,000 alumni. Alumni can sign up for a free membership with Forever Humboldt, the official association of Cal Poly Humboldt. Congratulations to the fall Class of 2023!



LEGAL NOTICES

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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OWNER
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JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10

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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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CA 201901610088
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S /KEVIN NICHOLS
LLC MEMBER AND MANAGER
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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S /DR. CAROLE GRIFFIN
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ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00702
DATE OR ORIGINAL FILING: NOV. 8, 2022
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CARMADDIE LLC
CA 201503510137
1795 CENTRAL AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S /REZA LANKARANI
MANAGING MEMBER
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JUAN P. CERVANTES
SS/DEPUTY CLERK
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00678
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CARMADDIE LLC
CA 201503510137
1795 CENTRAL AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S /REZA LANKARANI
MANAGING MEMBER
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12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: Annabelle Kirkpatrick
Case No. JV2300094
1. To: Matthew Robinson, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Annabelle Kirkpatrick, born on 12/10/2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Eureka, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on February 14, 2024, at 8:31 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
JOAN TURNER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #152986
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: November 27, 2023
Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Vickie L., Deputy
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAIGE G. JEFFS CASE NO.: 2300357
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
KAREN CHRISTINE BENNINGHOVEN
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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: DEC. 21, 2023
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KAREN CHRISTINE BENNINGHOVEN CASE NO.: 2300357
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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: JAN. 11, 2024
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 4
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corded 10/11/2022 in Book —, Page —, as Instrument No. 2022-017981 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 1/12/2024 At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 at 11:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, HUMBOLDT MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE COUNTY ROAD ALONG WITH: THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, HUMBOLDT MERIDIAN ALONG WITH: THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, HUMBOLDT MERIDIAN. Assessor's Parcel Number: 217-086-007-000 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: Vacant Land, Fruitland Ridge, Miranda, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$169,947.33. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: December 7, 2023 REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself.

Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 683-2468 or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelinkASAP.com. using the Trustee Sale number assigned to this file, T.S. #22143-PR. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4804106 12/20/2023, 12/27/2023, 01/03/2024

CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOUTH ARCATA MULTIMODAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (SAMSIP)
The City of Arcata is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to advance the South Arcata Multimodal Safety Improvements Plan (SAMSIP) Project. The City of Arcata has received funding for this Project through Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant FY 23-24, so the consultant must comply with the Caltrans LAPM. The grant was awarded to the City in partnership with HCAOG. The consultant will collaborate with stakeholders to create a plan for a safe multimodal path between southern Arcata and the Sunnybrae and Bayside neighborhoods. The City intends to contract with a qualified firm to assess the current multimodal conditions within the project area and develop alternatives that will improve safety and connectivity, while following best practices and local planning documents for trails/walking and biking paths. Proposals will be received at the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, California until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024. Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee whose assessment will inform the recommendation for contract award. The Request for Proposals Package for this work can be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofarcata.org under "Bid." Direct Inquiries to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus.Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 2024 at 9 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (corner of 5th and K). UNIT #54 GAGE KAWLKE UNIT #71 JEFF GREGORY UNIT # 179 JESSE WILLIAMS UNIT # 260 NATHAN KING UNIT # 264 JULIA YEE 12/20, 12/27

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM STANLEY MCINTIRE CASE NO.: 2300365
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by TROY EUGENE VANSICKLE in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt.
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SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
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825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: February 1, 2021
Meara Hattan, Clerk, by Vickie L., Deputy
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ZOO LIGHTS: HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA LIGHTS UP ZOO'S REDWOOD SKY WALK



HOLIDAY MAGIC Captivating scenes were everywhere at Sequoia Park Zoo last Friday as the Zoo Lights Holiday Extravaganza set the Redwood Sky Walk ablaze with light and color. Right and top of page, storybook scenes of the magically illuminated walkway. Below, Santa Claus on the Launch Deck with Alegria Sita, executive director, Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation, her daughter Jamilah Bauer, and Addison Huffman, granddaughter of Michale Dearden, Foundation board president. Further enchanting the night, below middle, was Snowflake Queen Shoshanna, daughter and Frost Princess Elora Wanden and her friend, Ice Princess Indira Tolan, Below right, Watershed Heroes offered a starry, surreal passage. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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Sequoia Park Zoo, First 5, PG&E set the Sky Walk aglow

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – With a flip of the switch last Friday night, the Redwood Sky Walk at Sequoia Park Zoo went from beautiful to brightly, dazzlingly so.

The occasion was the Zoo Lights Holiday Extravaganza, the debut of the zoo's new lighting installation. With 16,000 individual lights, Zoo Lights features a directional pathway that begins at the Entry Pavilion and guides visitors through Watershed Heroes, along the Bear and Coyote boardwalk and up to the Redwood Sky Walk.

The walk offers breathtaking views of the sparkling zoo at every turn, each more enchanting than the last. Attendees ambled up and through the glowing Sky Walk, pausing at each platform to behold the magical lights twinkling into the distance.

Presented by the zoo, First Five California and PG&E, Zoo Lights will bedazzle the public on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. through Jan. 7. All tickets are \$4/person, made

possible through the "Everyone's Zoo" Program, and can be purchased in advance or at the event at the zoo ticket booth. There are no online sales or reservations.

Recent additions of the award-winning Redwood Sky Walk and state-of-the-art Bear and Coyote habitat include extensive electrical infrastructure and modernized lighting at the Zoo. This creates unique opportunities for after-dark experiences and events.

"Guests will be able to experience the Zoo and Redwood Sky Walk as never before – radiant for the holiday season," said Alegria Sita, executive director of the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation. "It's a beautiful time to visit."

Michale Dearden, president, Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation, spoke of "the amazing partnership that we've developed with PG&E and First 5 California that's allowing us to put this amazing extravaganza of Zoo Lights together this year. It's wonder, it's a transformation and for this time of year, what better come out with your family and friends

and enjoy a spectacular place unlike any other on the North Coast."

"The Zoo and the Redwood Sky Walk are a completely different experience at night," said Jim Campbell-Spickler, Sequoia Park Zoo director. "Many thanks to the teams of folks that made this possible."

"We wanted to give back," said Mike Crafton, PG&E division operations specialist and local resident. "We thought this was a fantastic idea."

"Showing up as the hometown team to support the community, in addition to providing the electrons, is important," added Carl Schoenhofer, PG&E senior manager and Humboldt. "Being part of the community, donating and volunteering is important to us."

As spectacular as the shimmering Zoo Lights are, Campbell-Spickler said it's only the first stage of enhancing the stroll through the nighttime canopy.

"This is just year one," he said. "Next year we hope to double that. This is really the interior forest at night – a wild experience and we want to preserve that."

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ARCATA MARSH TOUR

Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 23. Meet leader Renshin Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh ecology. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

CHRISTMAS DAY WALK

Join Paul Wilson for Friends of the Arcata Marsh's annual Christmas Day walk. If you'd like to set out on a 90-minute, rain-or-shine leg-stretcher, meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on South G Street on Monday, Dec. 25. The building will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.